Common Mistakes in *Hajj*

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A- In ‘*Aqeedah* (the Muslim’s Belief)

1. Many pilgrims when they travel to Madinah, they pray to the graves. They make *du’aa’* to *Rasul* Allah (peace be upon him). This could not only ruin their *Hajj*, it could nullify their Islam.

2. Do not rub graves for *barakah*.

3. Do not make *du’aa’* to anyone except Allah *ta’aala*.

4. When going to Madinah, your initial intention should be to visit *Masjid* An-Nabawee, the Prophet’s *Masjid*.

B- In *Ihraam*

1. Do not pass the *Meeqaat* without being in the state of *Ihraam*. If you are landing in Jeddah and going to Makkah to perform *Umrah* directly, you must be in a state of *Ihraam* before you land, as the plane shall enter the *Meeqaat*. Jeddah is inside the *Meeqaat*.

2. If you are landing in Jeddah, you need your *Ihraam* towels with you on the airplane in your carry-on bag.

3. Women may wear anything Islamically permissible for *Ihraam*.

4. Do not take pictures of yourself in *Ihraam*. You came to worship Allah and taking pictures for showing others later may contradict your sincerity of doing this for the sake of Allah.

5. Women in their menses must be in a state of *Ihraam* when they pass the *Meeqaat*. They should shower and do *talbiyah* like everyone else.

6. Do not uncover your right shoulder until you reach the Ka'bah and begin *Tawaaf*. This is the time that the Messenger uncovered his shoulder and it is an act of *Hajj*, so we must follow when the Prophet did it.

7. You may change your *Ihraam* towels if they get dirty.

8. You do not enter into *Ihraam* by just wearing the towels. You must make the intention to begin.

9. Do not shave your beard, whether before, during or after *Ihraam*.

10. You should wear sandals, but if you do not have sandals, you do not have to walk barefoot. Wear what you have until you find a place to get sandals.

11. When beginning your *Ihraam* for *Hajj*, do it from where you are: in your hotel, on the street, etc. You do not have to go to the Ka'bah to start your *Ihraam* for *Hajj*.

12. Do pay attention to what you are saying when you are making the *Talbiyah*: *Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk*…

13. When you hear that you are not allowed to wear stitches in *Ihraam*, know that what is meant is that you cannot wear pieces of cloth that are sewn together to wrap your body, such as a T-Shirt or underwear.

14. Both men and women may shower with unscented soap. Yes, for women and men, you may comb your hair, as the Prophet's wives used to do when they were in *Ihraam*.

C - In *Tawaaf*



1. You do not have to say your intention out loud to begin *Tawaaf*. Saying intentions out loud is something the Prophet (peace be upon him) never did except after *Ihraam* when he said, "*Labbayk Allahumma Umrah wa Hajj*."

2. You do not have to touch the black stone for your *Tawaaf* to be accepted. If it is crowded you may face your hand toward the stone and say *Allahu Akbar*.

3. Do not kiss the Yemeni corner. You may only touch it.

4. Do not worship the black stone. You are glorifying Allah by coming to this house and worshiping Him, following the *Sunnah* of *Rasul* Allah (peace be upon him).

5. Do not follow those *du'aa'* books that make up *du'aa'* for each time you go around the Ka'bah. Read Quran and make *du'aa'* from your heart and glorify Allah.

6. Make *du'aa'* by yourself, do not do it in a shouting group around the Ka'bah.

7. Do not wipe the walls of the Ka'bah during *Tawaaf*. *Rasul* Allah did not touch anything other than the black stone and the Yemeni corner.

8. Do not hurt anyone to kiss the black stone.

9. Do not face your hand to the Yemeni corner and say *Allahu Akbar*. This is only for the black stone.

10. Do not push or hurt anyone during *Tawaaf*.

11. The Ka'bah should be to your left. Do not do *Tawaaf* with your back to the Ka'bah.

12. Do not stand at the black stone line for a long time. Move on.

13. Do not lengthen your 2 *rak'ahs* of *Tawaaf*.

14. There is nothing in the *Sunnah* about: *Du'aa' Maqaam* Ibraheem. After you pray the 2 *rak'ahs* of *Tawaaf,* move on.

D - In *Sa'i* (Going between As-Safa and Al-Marwah)



1. Although preferable, you do not have to have *wudu'* during *Sa'i*.

2. You do not have to climb to the top of As-Safa or Al-Marwa.

3. You can take breaks in *Sa'i* to drink water or rest.

4. You can take a break after *Tawaaf*, before *Sa'i*.

5. You do not have to jog the whole way, from As-Safa to Al-Marwa. Only within the green lights, the valley of As-Safa and Al-Marwa.

6. Women do not have to run between the green lights.

7. There is no specific *du'aa'* to say between As-Safa and Al-Marwa.

8. Do not miss the *du'aa'* that *Rasul* Allah (peace be upon him) said when he stood on As-Safa. Then raise your hands and pray as he did (peace be upon him).

9. Do not say your intention out loud before making *Sa'i*.

E -When Shaving or Trimming:

1. Shave your complete head, do not leave parts unshaved.

2. If you shall trim, take from all sides of your head.

3. Do not take off your *Ihraam* until you have shaved or trimmed. You are still in *Ihraam* until you do so.

4. Do not shave your beard.

F - In Mina, ‘Arafah, and Muzdalifah:

1. Many people do not confirm if where they are located is inside or outside the borders of the holy sites. Confirm.

2. Do not reserve a place that is more than your need. Many people are looking for places to sit down and sleep.

3. Only in ‘Arafah and Muzdalifah do you shorten and combine prayers. In Mina only shorten your prayers, but pray them at the correct time.

4. Do not waste your *Hajj* time in vain chatting.

5. Spending the 8th day in Mina is the *Sunnah* of *Rasul* Allah. Many people skip this and go to ‘Arafah.

6. Do not push anyone when you are in a crowd.

7. You do not have to go to Mt. of Mercy in ‘Arafah. Many people hurt themselves and others to be there even though it is not a *waajib* (obligatory) thing to do.

8. Mt. Rahmah (mercy) is not a holy mountain. Do not wipe its sand and rocks for *barakah*.

9. You do not have to pray *Dhuhr* and *Asr* on ‘Arafah day in the *Masjid* of ‘Arafah (*Masjid* Namirah). You may pray in your tent with your group.

10. Do not leave ‘Arafah before *Maghrib* time.

11. Women should avoid getting into a crushing crowd, like in *Masjid* Namirah.

12. Do not face Mt. Rahmah on ‘Arafah day when you make *du’aa’*. You should face the *qiblah*.

13. You should not treat your time in ‘Arafah like any other day. You should realize the significance and pray to Allah in humility.

14. At *Maghrib* time in ‘Arafah, do not pray *Maghrib* and *‘Ishaa’* until you reach Muzdalifah, even you reach there at 11:00 at night. However, if you see half the night approaching, pray where you are on the road.

15. Make sure you are in Muzdalifah before you stop and rest. Many people think they are in Muzdalifah but they are not. Look for the border signs. If you have not seen one, chances are you are still not in Muzdalifah even if you see others sleeping on the road.

16. After praying *Maghrib* and *‘Ishaa’* in Muzdalifah, go to sleep immediately, this is what *Rasul* Allah (peace be upon him) did.

17. Through all of this, continue doing your *Talbiyah*.

G - In Stoning the *Jamaraat*:



1- The *Jamaraat* are not devils, and *Shaytaan* is not tied up for the stoning of himself. *Hajjis* that hold this misconception end up cursing, swearing, throwing sandals, etc. It is a commandment from Allah to glorify Allah by saying *'Allahu Akbar'* with each pebble.

2. You do not have to wash your stones.

3. Do not throw sandals or wood or big rocks. This is all against the *Sunnah*.

4. Do not hurt/shove when at the *Jamaraat*.

5. Say *Allahu Akbar* with each pebble. Do not say *Bismillaah*.

6. Throw the pebbles separately.

7. Make *du'aa'* after the first and second *Jamaraat*.

8. Do not throw the *Jamaraat* before it is time.

9. Throw the *Jamaraat* from small to medium to large. Not the other way.

10. If someone is throwing on your behalf, you must be unable to throw yourself.

11. If someone is throwing on your behalf, you do not have to collect the stones yourself and hand the stones to that thrower.

12. Throw seven pebbles, not more or less.

H - In *Tawaaf Al-Wadaa’* (Farewell *Tawaaf*):

1. You cannot do your final *Jamaraat* after *Tawaaf Al Wadaa’*, as some people attempt.

2. Do not walk in massive groups during *Tawaaf*. This hurts many people.

3. You MUST spend the night in Mina on the 10th night and 11th night. The two days of *Hajj*, the days of Mina, are the 11th and 12th, not the 10th and 11th.

4. After *Tawaaf Al-Wadaa’* you must leave Makkah, or else another *Tawaaf* should be made.

5. After *Tawaaf Al-Wadaa’* you may have lunch or wait at a bus, etc., as long as you are on your way out of Makkah.

I - In Madinah:



1. Visiting Madinah has nothing to do with your *Hajj*. It is something different and separate.

2. Do not wipe or kiss any walls for *barakah*. It is only rock and marble.

3. Do not raise your voice near the Prophet's grave.

4. Do not do *Tawaaf* around the Prophet's grave.

5. You do not need *Ihraam* to enter Madinah.

6. Do not make *du'aa'* to the Prophet. *Du'aa'* is to be made to Allah and Allah alone.

7. If you want to pray for the Prophet to intercede for you on the day of Judgment (*Shafaa'ah*), pray to Allah for that. "O Allah, allow Your Prophet to intercede for me."

8. Do not raise your voice in *du'aa'* near the grave. Face *qiblah* and leave the grave area when you want to make *du'aa'*.

Miscellaneous:

1. Do not add the term *Haajj* to your name after returning home.

2. *Hadith* such as: "whoever visits my grave, I shall intercede for them." *Hadith* to this effect are lies against *Rasul* Allah (peace be upon him).

A Final Note:

<u>The Muslims in these mistakes are three:</u>

1. One group is sincerely ignorant of these things and they have little clue that what they are doing is *haram* or incorrect. For these people – *in shaa'a* Allah - there is nothing upon them.

2. A second group is ignorant, but they have the ability to learn and find out. All that stops them from doing so is their laxness in studying and asking. For these people, it is feared that they may be sinful for their laziness in learning.

3. A third group is aware of these mistakes. They perform it however to either follow their culture or to misguide people. This person is sinful and they shall assume the sin of those that they misguide.

"Our Lord, do not take us to account if we forget or make a mistake" *(Al-Baqarah: 286)*